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Ferguson-Van Cleave

On Tuesday last, December 12th, a very quiet wedding was solemnized in St. Barbara's Church, Medicine Hat, when John Harvey Ferguson, of Empress, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Emily Mabel Van Cleave, of Medicine Hat. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome sapphire and pearl necklace. The honeymoon will be spent in Toronto, Renfrew, Montreal and eastern cities.

Mr. J. W. Hood and wife left on Monday morning for Britton, S. D., U.S.A., where they will spend the winter.

Business Locals

A million toys at sacrifice prices at Brown's drug store.

A sight for sore eyes. Brown's display of Waterman's fountain pens. All styles and prices.

Call and see our stock of fancy goods, dolls, games, toys, etc. Shepherd and McEachern.

Nobody need be forgotten. Brown is selling all Christmas toys and novelties at cost.

Toys and Christmas novelties sold at cost—Brown's.

We specialize in prescriptions and family receipts—Shepherd & McEachern.

Slaughter sale of Christmas goods at Brown's. Toys and novelties at cost.

Ask for a Diner Empress-Swift Current

Will also ask for Daily Mail Car Service to Empress

(Swift Current Sun)

Steps have been taken by the Board of Trade to have the C.P.R. put a dining or buffet car on the north line. There has been a demand from the people off that branch, and it has been put up to the citizens of Swift Current to help them out in that respect. There is no doubt that the service would pay between here and Empress, and the travelling public would appreciate the service.

Mr. Telfer asked the assistance of the board in getting a daily mail car on the north line. Business men in the city and in the country towns as well find it very inconvenient under the present arrangement of a car three days of the week and a closed bag the other three days. The board of trade along the line will also take this matter up with the railway mail service.

The Empress Hotel is being fitted with storm windows all around which should make a considerable reduction in the company's coal bill.

There will be no issue of The Express next week, Christmas week.

Every Citizen Is Expected to Help The Patriotic Fund

Every citizen of Empress is expected to do his or her duty that this district may achieve what is expected of it in supplying monies for the Patriotic Fund. A movement is now on foot to secure a steady source of money for this fund, and it will be necessary that all make sacrifices to provide for the needs of the fund. With the duty of every British subject definitely defined in the matter, no difficulty should be realized in raising the necessary amount in Empress. It is not a matter of how much can be given without sacrifice, but how many sacrifices can be made that one may give. The members of the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Committee have been requested to visit the homes, places and residences of the town. Every citizen is urged to do his share and more when called upon by any member of the committee. Any subscription can be spread over a period of ten months by filling out a "Promise to Pay" card and paying a stated sum each month and the committee will undertake to collect these sums each month. By subscribing in this manner it creates a steady income for the fund and makes it easier for the subscriber. Are you one of those who at this crisis are neither fighting nor paying? Set that your name is added to the subscription list at once with a good substantial sum set opposite it. Subscriptions may be sent direct to M. A. Blodgett, Secretary-Treasurer of the local committee, who will see that you are given an official receipt for payment to the Canadian Patriotic Fund in any amount.

Odd Fellows "Get-Together"

The numerous members of the Odd Fellows, now resident in Empress, held a sort of "get-together" meeting on Friday evening, for the purpose of undertaking the establishment of a local lodge of this order. At the present time there is something over thirty members of this order residing in Empress and the surrounding district, from which to form the nucleus of a local lodge. The local members of the Masonic Order are considering the advisability of forming a local lodge, and it is quite possible that the two orders will combine forces for the erection of a suitable hall or building in which to hold their meetings. Some proposals have been submitted to some of the local merchants with a view to having a second story erected on their buildings, to be used exclusively for lodge purposes. It is to be hoped that something tangible will result from these plans, as no doubt the formation of local lodges would result in a more fraternal feeling among the residents, both male and female.

A letter received from S. F. Peterson, who was formerly located here, states that he is now located at Trail, B.C., and that business there is good in all lines. He states that the smelter there is running at full blast with a \$100,000 a month payroll. Mr. Peterson is again engaged in the hotel business, in which line he was in before coming to Empress.

Greeting

Blow, bugles of battle,
marches of peace;
East, west, north and south
let the long quarrel
cease; Sing the song
of great joy that the
angels began,
Sing of glory
to God and of
good-will to man

—Whittier

CANADA



NATIONAL SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914," that during the first week in January, 1917, an inventory will be made by the Post Office Authorities, of every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, residing in Canada.

National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst the persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt.

Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster.

R. B. BENNETT,

Director General.

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK : 1st to 7th JANUARY.

Announcement

With the approaching end of the Old Year and ere becoming engrossed in the affairs of the new year we choose this the most appropriate time to remember those who have contributed to our welfare during this and past years. We thank you most sincerely for your kind consideration, good-will and co-operation, all of which we shall try to prove more worthy at the close of the promising New Year we are now about to enter.

—The Publishers

A NEW ARCTIC SEAPORT GIVEN TO RUSSIA AS RESULT OF THE WAR

ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST INTERESTING PORTS

Archangel Now Takes a Leading Place Among the Wheat Exporting Ports, and Should be Kept in Mind in Calculating the Possibilities of the Hudson Bay Route

One of the most interesting ports in the world today is Archangel, Russia. Archangel is a port on the White Sea. Previous to the war trade this was confined to occasional exports of timber, furs, and local products of northern Russia, but now Archangel is the only port of European Russia open for foreign trade by direct sea communication, and together with Vladivostok forms one of the two seaports for supply of Russia. Archangel is situated on the Dvina river, which at that point is about two and a half miles wide, with a depth between 20 and 30 feet. The main street is more than six miles long. The shipping on the river down to the White Sea amounts to about three feet, and at various landing places the depth of the water is, as a rule, 22 feet at low tide.

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Seeking a Non-Rust Wheat Exports Being Made to Develop a Species of Wheat That Will Resist Rust

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Tribute to Canadians

Cardinal Bourne in Westminster Tells of Glorious Day They Are

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GERMANS PLAN TO GET FOOTHOLD IN AMERICA

War Efforts Which May be Resumed When Peace is Declared

Extraordinary revelations of reputed plans of Germany to establish a foothold in the United States, as the western hemisphere, and in the Danish West Indies, in defiance of the Monroe doctrine, as the result of the committee of foreign relations of the United States senate, has been made public. The documents in the possession of the committee purport to prove that Germany sought to establish a sphere of influence in Nicaragua by purchase of the interoceanic canal route and the right to establish naval bases in the Caribbean Sea.

That Germany sought to gain a foothold in Colombia by negotiating for an interoceanic canal concession and the purchase of plantations and the establishment of a naval base at Cartagena.

That Germany gained paramount influence in Paraguay by organizing the purchase of a large tract of land in the Chaco region, and by carrying out a similar plan in Chile.

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Good Housekeepers Working Girls Make Better Wives Than the Average High School Graduates

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CANADA IS PAYING THE PENALTY FOR MANY HEAVY LOSSES

ANALYSIS DISCLOSES INTERESTING CONDITIONS

Carelessness of Our People is the Cause of One of the Heaviest Drains Upon Our Resources, and Much Loss Could be Avoided by Exercising Ordinary Precautions

An analysis of the fire losses in Canada during 1914, as compiled by the Ministry of Finance, discloses some interesting conditions. This statistical statement reveals and verifies the charge that carelessness is the cause of one of the heaviest drains upon our resources.

It was naturally to be expected that the greater number of fires would be in factories using power or in manufacturing processes, and where accumulations of shavings and other waste are exposed to fire from friction, spontaneous combustion, or other causes.

Such is not the case. By far the greater number of fires were in buildings in which none of these risks occurred. Factories contributed only 10 per cent. of the total losses. The most common causes of fires were: 1. Careless smoking; 2. engine houses; 3. sawmills; 4. foundries; 5. waste power houses; blacksmith shops; and 6. the first three causes.

Against theft and squandering a record, which should be a disgrace to any nation, was made. The total losses in 1914 were: 1. Careless smoking; 2. engine houses; 3. sawmills; 4. foundries; 5. waste power houses; blacksmith shops; and 6. the first three causes.

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FOR THE TREELESS PRAIRIE

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Canada To Economise

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—That Canada will now have to come to national economy in food, dress and personal expenditures such

as is being practised in Great Britain, where it is to lead to meatless days and the issue of food tickets, is the opinion of Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, who returned last week from his visit to the Old Country. While there Sir Thomas in a newspaper interview, which was favorably commented on editorially by the British press, set forth his views as to national and imperial war organization.

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No! from the sight displayed,
None could be sundered.
Their not to make remark,
Clergymen, clubman, clerk,
Gaping from noon till dark
At the four hundred.

Short skirts to right of them,
Shorter to the left of them,
Shorter in front of them,
Flaunted and flirited—
In hose of stripes and plaid,
Hued most exceeding glad,
Sporting in spats run mad,
Come the short-skirted.

Flashed all their ankles there,
Flashed as they turned in air—
What will not women dare?
"Though the exhibits show
Some of them blundered."
All sorts and shapes of pegs,
Broomsticks, piano legs,
Here and there fairy shapes,
Just built to walk on eggs,
Come by the hundred.

When can their glory fade?
O, the wild show they made.
All the world wondered.
Grand dame and demoiselle,
Shop girl and Bowery Belle—
Four Hundred, H'm, oh well—
Any old hundred.

While we are celebrating our Christmas festivities it is interesting to give a thought of how we came to have such occasions. Not everyone knows, for instance, our Santa Claus came from Holland, our Christmas tree from Germany, the Christmas stockings from Belgium and France, while the universal greeting, "Merry Christmas!" was shouted one to another by the English many years ago

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H. Gatesby, 31, 21, 4, w of 4,
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In spite of the storm there was a good attendance at the Recital in the hall on Friday evening. Miss Currie contributed several instrumental solos, and Miss Hallman sang "The Island of Dreams" and "The Fairies" in her usual pleasing style. Mrs. Bohannon's patriotic readings were much enjoyed by the audience. The receipts, which amounted to forty dollars, will be sent to the Red Cross Society.

Private Sam Swan, who has been spending a short furlough with his brother, Wm. Swan, will return to Camp Hughes on Thursday.

Guy Wheaton brought in two carloads of stock last week.

A Patriotic Rally was held in the hall on Saturday evening. A short address was given by J. McColl, M.L.A., after which Mrs. Graham sang "Carry On." T.M. Tweedie, M.L.A., of Calgary, then addressed the meeting, and set forth clearly the origin, objects, and needs of the Patriotic Fund. Mrs. Bohannon's reading of a poem by Dr. Hughes, was much appreciated. A branch of the Patriotic Fund was organized, with L.T. Peers as President; Mrs. Graham as Vice-President; and Miss E. Peers as Secretary-Treasurer. A committee was appointed to make plans for canvassing the district for subscriptions to the fund. Before the meeting closed three cheers were given for the boys at the front and three cheers for the speakers of the evening.

The "root of all evil" must be plentiful in this part of the country, judging by the new fur caps and the warm overcoats.

Don't forget the Christmas Tree and Entertainment at the Grand Theatre, next Friday, December 22nd.

Gift giving at Christmas time is, or ought to be, nothing more than a manifestation of the Christmas spirit, which is unselfish, seeking only to make others happy. Everybody who has been moved by this spirit has realized the truth of the saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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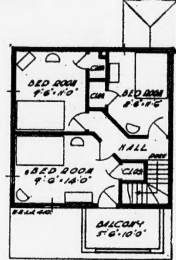
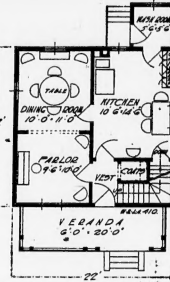


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